engineer of this city, prepared and sent in September last to the health officer of the District.

This letter is as follows:

It is proposed to build the walls in such a style that they can be utilized and made a part of the arching scheme when it is carried out.

WOLAPUK AND POSTAL REFORMS.

How the Reply Postal Card Came to B.

SEWER OUTLET NEAR O STREET. As far back as 1888 Capt. Symons in his

annual report to Congress noted the necessity of something being done to abate this four nuis-

ance. He made the following pertinent suggestions:
"Rock creek, within the city limits, is in an

A QUESTION OF TIME.

follows:

A correspondent writes to THE STAR as

There are few subjects which can come so

near to every man, woman and child in the District of Columbia as the necessity for some-

thing being done with Rock creek-and that at

longer exists. Especially attractive at this season of the year is a well-kept furniture store, where the goods are selected with care and taste and dis played in a charming way. But when to all this is added a price list which brings the goods within the reach of every one, then it is that

Dear Santa Claus i wrote to you last trismas bro. mave carned the gratitude of the children of washington. To become sick now and want you to go up to see her O Blend flour, the very best obtainable. It is on a member one must con.

Mr. Santa Claus i wrote to you last trismas by putting upon the market, in their "Cream Blend flour, the very best obtainable. It is on a member one must con.

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wise would know only give some of my pocket money to get a little no trouble in sold hunger and want on the boy a boat for his Christmas I send you all my whom intended. no trouble in selecting a present, no matter for

doing. That is, they intend selling their goods march as I am the smalest one there. My Papa at such ridiculously low prices that ther may gives me a penny every night when he comes home for myself so I have saved them all the last ten nights to send to you, and I will dance purchaser of Christmas goods.

Dear Stah: I want to join your club And I One of the very best is the Roxbury rye whisky. will enclose a dime. I am s little girl was seven years old last June. I am in the second grade and are members of a club that is going to do and get excellent on my report every month.

Evening Stan: I am a little boy, and expect to have a good time "Xmas," and I want the brothing is offered on the market. All the profit is offered on the market all the profit in the city have it on sale.

more clearly the merits of the light-running Demestic sewing machine. Not only has the

Dear Mr. Editor: I am a little boy five years

There are bargains in silver ware to be found

money I get this month.

return mail.

THE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

Annual Meeting.

port the result of investigations to make con-

tributions, &c.; 525 loads of wood and 623 gar-

Christmas day.

will give some of my good time to the poor children.

Dear Mr. Santa Ciaus: I am a little Country Girl—but my Cousin in your City is a Member of your Club; and I wish to be one too—but I do not know whether you let us Country Girls join—but any how I send you 10 cts. please put my name down—I want to belp too, if you don't I'll think you are real mean. I live at Brandy Wine.

Dear Santa Claus Club: I am only fifteen months old, but I send my name and ten cents, so I can become a member of the club. I know some more little children who are not much older than I, and I will try and get them to join the club too.

Dear Evening Star: I am a little girl five years old, been saving in my penny bank for Christmas to buy Papa & Mama a little girl five years old, been saving in my penny bank for Christmas to buy Papa & Mama a little girl five years old, been saving in my penny bank for Christmas to buy Papa & Mama a little girl five years old, but Rate read me your letter I wanted to send you 20 cts out of the club. I wanted to send you 20 cts out of it too. I wanted to send my send his hor my bank for children.

Dear Mr. Santa Claus: Please and a little boy 8 years old. I send 25 cents to the Santa Claus Club the Santa Claus Club to buy something for the poor.

P. S.—Dear Santa Claus: Please go to the street with the ingredients that enter into these good things can be found at P. R. Wilson's, 284 9th street, will be store and get the biggest railroad engine that you can find. Please bring it to 321 F street northeast, for which I will be thankful.

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Dear Mr. Editor: I am a little boy bear sold whisky at 65 cents and a quart. Catawba and sherry wines at low for the little child in the ingr

When Aunt Kate read me your letter I wanted to send you 20 cts out of it too—to help poor little boy's & girls to have a Happy Christmas, like I want to have. I do give lots of my little right so when I am called by God to leave my toys now to little ones that have none. My Grandma told me she has been taking your STAR paper ever since the first one printed. Please send me a little badge.

INDUSTRIAL HOME SCHOOL, GEORGETOWN, Dear Evening Star: My brother and I want

second grade. There are lots of boys out here and we have a big vard to play in.

Dear Editor of The Evenine Star: I send you ten cents and hope it may help to make some poor little child happy at Christmas. I hope you will send me a badge and if I can save any more money I will send you some more.

Dear "Evenine Star:" I will not be two years old until next Wednesday, but I hope you will let me join your club. I hope my twenty-five cents (25) will make some little child, as happy as I will be.

Tributions, &c.: 525 loads of wood and 623 garments were distributed to the poor; 34 were found employment. The secretary stated that the greatest need now was for money to meet cases of emergency—to pay for hauling the wood, for greceries and for fuel and occasionally to help about rents. He said that he had turned and small amount we get go as far as possible, but the amount contributed is wholly inadequate. "We take care," he said, "of over 100 families a good deal of the time and help many more occasionally with contributions of barely enough.

please write to me Your little friend
Dear Stan Santa Claus: We are two little
girls, with-out a paps, Plorence six years and
Mable three years. But we live with our dear
grandpa, and we send you 10c each for some
little girl who has no dear grandpa to love
them them.

Dear Evening STAR: My sister Fannie and

Dear EVEXING STAR: My sister Fannie and Ellie read all the letters send to your kind paper by the other little boys and girls you are so good to every one I want you to give my money and brothers to Santa Claus.

I am six years old and brother is seven. I cannot write, and Fannie is writeing for me. She said Santa Claus sent her such a nice letter last year.

The Evening Star.

1891, a volapuk communication from his correspondent, Pietro Poletti, in Amoy, China, in which he expressed the hope that there would soon be adopted a universal postal card cur-rent between all countries whatever. This remark set the recipient to thinking. While it may be a long time before all nations might agree to a universal postal card, why not, as a beginning at least, adopt some form of a reply-paid postal card to facilitate correspondence? Investigation at the patent office developed, a

insanitary condition, brought about chiefly by number of slumbering devices invented years ago, soon after the introduction of the ordinary postal card, to accomplish the purpose of its receiving large amounts of sewage and the fact that its mouth is closed by the outlet lock and dam of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, causing a large stretch of comparatively stagnant and sewage-polluted water." He then proceeds to give his views as to the proper steps to be taken to remedy this crying discrete. reply-paid postal card. Why none of these had been adopted is not known. It is probable had been adopted is not known. It is probable that they were too complicated for general use. However, this volapuk communication was immediately forwarded to the Postmaster General, with suggestion that an international postage stamp, and also a reply-paid postal card, would be of commercial advantage. A reply was received that at the proper time the suggestions would be duly considered by the Post Office Department. Soon afterward an actual reply-paid postal card written in volapuk was reto be taken to remedy this crying disgrace. His plan simply proposed the construction of a tunnel along the west side of the creek from Lyon's mill to a point about the line of O street. By this device the long bend in the creek at this point would be done away with. From the southern end of the tunnel Capt. Symons proposed to arch over the creek all the way down to the south line of Pennsylvania avenue. He stated that this route of tunnel and archaest paid postal card written in volapuk was re-ceived from Yosef Bernhaupt, post controller stated that this route of tunnel and archway of Beyrut, Syria (who had been written to in the mean time on the subject), stating that such will give a comparatively straight line for the flow of water from Lyon's mill to the mouth of

Volapuk Association, received in September,

office. It was also immediately sent to the Post Office Department, with suggestion that this form be speedily adopted by the United States. In a few days reply was received that the department has now under consideration the advisability of issuing reply postal cards,

That volapuk has been instrumental in the dissemination and growth of practical thought and ideas springing up in different countries, no two speaking the same language, and resulting in the adoption in this country at the pres-ent time of a factor in the social and business world of great convenience to over 50,000,000 of people, is evidenced by the result attained.

With regard to the international stamp Mr.

Frech suggested, under date of October 27, 1891, as a preliminary and experimental step terest in the club. In addition to contributions and experimental step toward the adoption of an international postage stamp, current between any two countries. Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company has badge—to show my little playmates—send by whatever in the postal union, that agreement be entered into between the United States and Jenny C., eight dolls, and some person, whose the countries composing the postal union to the | name was not furnished, one coat. effect that the postage stamp now issued by Somebody, too, who has a very warm corner each and wish to have a badge if you please we as any one can see who cal any country shall be also originally current in his heart for children sends THE STAR \$5 to live at No. 1513 Half st. S.W. and we also wish this city. 7th and H streets.

Company, pts. Mt. Airy and Friendship; &-we have thousands here interested in this vital subject—many Senators and Representatives being included—into whose houses enter 15, Le Droit Park, \$3,500. Joseph Auerbach to G. B. Rose, sub 142, sq. 619; \$.. P. G. Saur to J. R. Webster, snb 75, sq. 546; 8-. C. H. Fickling to T. H. O'Neill, sub 3 of sq. 59, Georgetown; \$-. R. Jones to Carrie C. Lackey, sub 29, sq. 727; \$-. M. Ashford to J. A. Simmons, subs 39 and 56, sq. 112, Georgetown; \$-. C. D. Volland to Eliza Balluf, sub

Seitz to G. Lorenz, lot 30, blk. 2. Twining City; \$\(-\). R. H. Goldsborough, lot 21, blk. 11, Kalorama Heights; \$\(-\). M. J. Colbert to Kate Murphy, lot 16, sq. 586, and pt. 10, sq. 497; \$\(-\). James Pilling to H. C. Borden, sub 4, sq. 8, 744; \$\(-\). Blanche Carter to Annie J. Murphy, sub 194, Long Meadows; \$\(-\). F. I. Gregory to Sarah L. Giesy, pts. 102, 103 and 104, Long Meadows; \$\(-\). A Burgdorf to W. H. Burch, lots 16, to 18, 2005; \$\(-\). M. G. French, lots 16, to 18, 2005; \$\(-\). M. G. French, lots 16, to 18, 2005; \$\(-\). M. G. French, lots 16, to 18, 2005; \$\(-\). M. G. French, lots 16, to 18, 2005; \$\(-\). M. G. French, lots 16, to 18, 2005; \$\(-\). M. G. French, lots 16, to 18, 2005; \$\(-\). M. G. French, lots 16, to 18, 2005; \$\(-\). M. J. Colbert to Kate Murphy, sub H. Surch, lots 16, sq. 586, and pt. 10, sq. 497; \$\(-\). Jumphy, sub H. Surch, lots 16, to 18, sq. 586, and pt. 10, sq. 497; \$\(-\). Jumphy, sub H. Surch, lots 16, to 18, sq. 586, and pt. 10, sq. 497; \$\(-\). Jumphy, sub H. Surch, lots 16, to 18, sq. 586, and pt. 10, sq. 497; \$\(-\). Jumphy, sub H. Surch, lots 16, to 18, sq. 586, and pt. 10, sq. 497; \$\(-\). Jumphy, sub H. Surch, lots 16, to 18, sq. 586, and pt. 10, sq. 497; \$\(-\). Jumphy, sub H. Surch, lots 16, to 18, sq. 586, and pt. 10, sq. 497; \$\(-\). Jumphy, sub H. Surch, lots 16, to 18, sq. 586, and pt. 10, sq. 497; \$\(-\). Jumphy, sub H. Surch, lots 16, to 18, sq. 586, and pt. 10, sq. 497; \$\(-\). Jumphy, sub H. Surch, lots 16, to 18, sq. 586, and pt. 10, sq. 497; \$\(-\). Jumphy, sub H. Surch, lots 16, to 18, sq. 586, and pt. 10, sq. 497; \$\(-\). Jumphy, sub H. Surch, lots 16, to 18, sq. 586, and pt. 10, sq. 497; \$\(-\). Murphy, sub H. Surch, lots 16, to 18, sq. 586, and pt. 10, sq. 497; \$\(-\). Murphy, sub H. Surch, lots 16, to 18, sq. 400; lots lots 16 to 18, sq. 1067; \$-. M. G. Emery to to same, lots 10 to 14, do.; \$-. S. Cross et al. to Blanche Carter, lot 19, sq. 557; \$-. W. H. Weed to J. A. Massie, lot 2, blk. 42, addition to Brookland: \$-. C. S. Garrots to H. M. Walker, sub 87, blk. 15, Le Droit Park; by Mrs. Murphy, wife of the pastor, for the rendition of the musical part of the program.

Rapid progress is being made in the erection of the power house for the electric light company, and it is expected the building will be finished within ten days from this date. The light will be turned on not later than January

A row of eight brick house.

The Virginia Democrats.

The Virginia Democratic Association last evening wound up the affairs of the late cam-

paign. Maj. H. L. Biscoe, president of the association, explained that several applications since the last report of its condition was pub-lished this week every one is surprised at the indorsement by candidates for governmental positions, but that it was not deer to commit the organization to any particular applicant especially at this time

The Second Army Corps Association. Through the energetic and untiring efforts of the resident survivors of the second army corps

Murphy, will preach the morning sermon at 11 o'clock. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Epworth League will hold the services, and at night there will be a general temperance meeting, which will be addressed by Prof. H. R. Stewart of Pennsylvania and others. ewart of Pennsylvania and others. late the wearers of the trefoil in Washington to Messrs. John C. Bentley, Charles F. Brooks, form a permanent organization. With that H. H. Miller, F. M. Hallowell, William Gilpin and Lemuel Wear, fr., of the neighborhood of Sandy Spring returned home Thursday from a successful hunting trip to Virginia. They report killing four deer, a number of ducks and divisions of the corps and all arms of the ser-

was the recipient of a small pension at the time

national party.

How the Reply Postal Card Came to Be A link in the history of the introduction of the reply paid postal card is given in the following paper by Mr. Jacob Frech of this city, read at the third annual convention of the North American Volapuk Association, held at Worcester, Mass., in October No ardent volapuk student is content until he has tested the language by writing to volapukans of different countries and nations of the carth, and the final adoption by the United States of the reply-paid postal card appears to have grown out of this circumstance. The writer, a member of the North American

day when all should be ers of the club will receive badges. happy. Members of the club will receive badges, which it is hoped they will all wear. The club is so organized that it will be able to reach the most deserv ing of the poor, and so it will be a most effic rustworthy agent for the distribution of Christmas charities. Therefore the club appeals to all who have contributions to give to send them to The Even-ing Star. Badges have been sent through the mail to those who have enrolled themselves as men their contributions. In some cases, however, it has been impossible to forward the badges, because the little ones who wrote the letters or their private secre-taries forzot to put their post office addresses after their signatures. All those who write to The Star should be careful to state exactly where they would like to have the badges of membership sent.

There are thousands of little ones who are going to have a merry Christmas, thousands Christmas fund. who are going to be a little happier because they will know that they have helped the poor

ame was not furnished, one coat.

Somebody, too, who has a very warm corner each and wish to have a badge if you please we

any of the other countries on letters addressed pay the membership fees in the club for fifty to have our names published in The Star our to the country issuing the stamp, in the same poor children whose parents are unable to furnames are Eddie Storey & Eva Storey we hope to the country issuing the stamp, in the same manner that it is now current in those countries on letters addressed from the country issuing the stamp. This would necessitate no change whatever in the present system of will is good, but who cannot spare the amount, manner that it is now current tries on letters addressed from the country issuing the stamp. This would necessitate no change whatever in the present system of stamps and would fill a long-felt want in foreign correspondence, viz., the means of inclosing stamps for reply and for settling small balances too triffing to warrant trouble and expense of foreign postal orders.

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Dear Mr. Editor: My two older brothers have just received their badges and they are so pretty that I have asked Papa to please get my little brother Henry and me one so as I amonly 4 years brother will write for themselves, but my youngest brother will write for the baby. Will you old my Papa is guiding my hand so that I can | please send me a badge. let you know to please send us each a badge for the 20 cents which you will find inclosed.

Dear Evening Star: I am a little boy six years old. I go to the Taylor School and love member of your Santa Claus Club. I know the

Dear Evening Star: I am a little boy six years old. I go to the Taylor School and love my teacher. I have saved a little money and send you 10c, to help make some little child happy Christmas.

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GARRETT PARK, MD.

Dear Santa Claus Club: I am a little girl less than six months old and with only one tooth, but I want to be a member of THE EVENING STAR Santa Claus Club and enclose 10c. initia-

Dear STAR: You are very good to try to make this a happy Christmas for the poor, and I gladly send ten cents out of my bank, but I have been wondering what the poor children will do after Christmas. If you will keep up your club all the winter I will save ten pennies overy month to help them. My little brothers both send ten cents out of their banks.

to join your Santa Claus Club I want to make the poor people happy I would put more money in if I had it I am eight years old and am in the second grade. There are lots of boys out here and we have a big yard to play in.

Dear Editor of The Evening Star: I send

happy New Year.

Dear EVENING STAR: I enclose ten ets. to enable me to join the Santa Claus club. I truly
wish it were ten dollars, for it is a lovely thing
to take happiness into the homes and hearts of the children who never knew it before.

We are journalists; Mamma and I.—I am nine, and Mamma is dreadfally old! but we write together. I dictate, as Mamma says I don't write well.

article is marked down so as to place it within the reach of every one. Heretofore the people of that section were compelled to make a trip uptown in order to secure what they needed, but now, thanks to this house, that necessity so longer exists. I shall be very proud to wear the "Star" badge: I already wear three press badges—God bless the Star for its desire to help poor children and God bless the poor—Dear EVENING STAR: I wish to join your Santa Claus Club, and send you ten cents for the poor. I think it is very kind in you to the possessor of such an establishment attains help those poor little children who without you

thoughtfulness would not have so pleasant a Christmas. I thank you for the good lesson you are teaching the children in Washington.

Dear EVENING STAR Santa Claus Club is intended to help make people happy at Christmas and I will send it to you that I may join your santa Claus Club and get a badge. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Children and the good that it does will be done in the Dear Santa Claus i wrote to you last trismas it is indispensable, and Messrs. B. B. Earnshaw & Bro. have carned the gratifule of consumers by putting upon the market in their or Cream of the children o

Mr. Santa Clase i do want you to bring me a nice doll that go to sleep. O that will be grand the club 10 cents, and these contributions will form a fond which will be expended by the manaring committee of the club in claddening the Christmas and the populations will form a little down a little boy i thought it would be so nice to give some of my pocket money to get a little on trouble in selecting a present, no matter for

money I get this month.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl only six years old, my name is Florence. I go to dancing school my teacher says I am to cute she will define their goods, but that is just what F. S. Williams and Co., druggists, 9th and F streets, propose give a ball at Christmas I am to lend the grand

> It is the only whisky controlled exclusively by the distiller. Another reason for its great pop-ularity is the fact that it is over three years old The lapse of years only serves to bring out

high standing been maintained through all the vers that this machine has been on the market, but improvements have constantly been made, as any one can see who calls at the office in Dear Evening Star: I wish to belong to your To be up to the times is a natural ambition, and Franc & Son, 7th and D streets, state that

advantage of a sharp razor, except, perhaps, when a corn is to be trimmed. But her husband does, and there can hardly be a more acceptable Christmas present than a good razor. You can find a good one at Walford's, 477 Pennsylvania avenue. He has also a fine assortment of pocket and table cutlery.

at Callisher's, the East Washington jeweler, 225

lightness and rapidity the machine works, saving time and money. There is but little reason for a man to be without clothes when he can buy a suit for \$7

and a beaver overcoat for \$6.50 at the London and Liverpool Clothing Co., 7th and G streets. A rapid sale is the object of Thomas D. Singleton, 415 7th street, in offering the goods at

Quality is what Mr. James Tharp, 812 P central office, 707 G street northwest, Rev. W.

A. Bartlett in the chair, L. S. Emery, secretary.

The secretary's report for the year ending December 16, 1892, shows that the number of

on 9th street, are secured. A specialist in cutting ladies' and children's

An artistic lamp is apt to be appreciated even in these days of electric light. The soft light of an oil lamp has not yet been improved upon by modern science. When you want something good in that line, you will make no mistake in going to S. S. Shedd & Bro., 432 9th street. There you will also find beautiful porceiain wares and fine onyx goods.

on folding beds which will be attractive.

The well known furniture dealer, Wash, B. Williams, 315 7th street, carries such an immense stock of goods that he helps his patrons wonderfully by haming some features of his stock which are specially seasonable. At this time he calls attention to the antique oak ladies' deeks with brass trimmings which are only \$7. Also to the fancy rockers handsomely uphelstered which are sold for \$3.25.

Cubane Esthusiastic Over Base Ball.

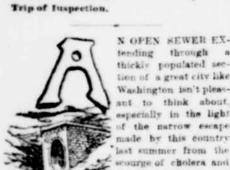
THE DAM AT THE RIVER.

A MILE OF SEWAGE.

Cesspool.

THE DAM AT THE MOUTH.

Sewers That Deposit Their Filth in the Stream-Practically No Outlet Into the River-The Results of a Star Reporter's



thickly populated section of a great city like Washington isn't pleas ant to think about, especially in the ligh of the parrow escapmade by this countr last summer from th scourge of cholera and the apprehension now so fortunate when the het weather comes again. In the event that cholera visits Washington the citizens will be in a position to appreciate the feelings of the

burghers of Hamburg when they read in

the public dumps which exist in that locality grow in size. As this refuse matter from the city streets and the city ash barrels is deposited it may be washed at high water and left covered with the sewage matter. Then when the water goes down, as is most apt Rock Creek Turned Into a Frightful to be the case during the hot weather, the sun is able to get in its deadly work and from the corrupt and rotten shores and from the surface of the water which then thinly conceals the putrement mass beneath arises those deadly and take them in from the river. When gases and germs which laden every breeze that | canal was built, some seventy years ago, the

the sth of May, 1889, long before the summer sun had had continuous effect upon the valley, the stench was something fearful, especially between Beall street and M street, on the west side, where I noticed a number of small pipe sewers flowing into the creek, in some instances open for several rods, i. e., they do not enter below the water level. Doubtless the canal company does all it can under the circumstances to prevent unsanitary conditions, the outlet lock being very frequently used to send boats out

sweeps across the city from the northwest with amount of sewage entering the creek was im-

FROM THE M STREET BRIDGE NORTH

disease and death. That is the actual condition of Rock creek today from the P street bridge to the river, and without the slightest caggeration it may be said to yield a smell such a state of affairs is, to say the least, a very what the lower section of Rock creek is. This felt that we may not be bridge to the river, and without the slightest

the newspapers accounts that were sent out of the terrible unsanitary condition of this city. It will be remembered that the city of Hamburg was held up to scorn because the water supply was allowed to become while sitting in their own sweet-smelling of your official sanction to a most determined of your official sanction.

effort to obtain from the next Congress redress from this grave public peril." There has been from time to time a good deal said about some treatment of the problem presented by the ravine of Rock creek, separating as it does the two cities which are now one in name and in the other particulars that constitute municipal life. Of course the plan of arching over Rock creek is familiar to the public, and this plan has not been abandoned. In addition to curing the evils of which the open sewer is now the fruitful cause a large area of land would be reclaimed and aditions made to valuable building ground. But as far as the mere reclamation of the land is concerned this scheme could be still further postponed. However, the present condition of Rock creek is recognized as a menace to the public health, and there is a growing public sentiment that something must be done and at

"Over three years ago I was called upon to

make a careful examination of the amount of fall in the surface of Rock creek from Lyons'

mili to the dam near the river. My report was to be made use of in court in a case then pending. I found that in a distance of about 1,600 feet, from the mill to P street, the fail was 0.45

feet, from the mill to P street, the fall was 0.45 feet, there being a slight current observable at the bend of the creek. At P street a sewer empties in from Washington side. Some 600 feet below P street the large O street sewer comes in from Washington, and the creek level is 0.77 feet below that at P street. From O street to the dam, about 4.500 feet, the fall is 0.62 feet. Thus the total fall from P street is about 1.20 feet in a mile and into this practice.

about 1.39 feet in a mile, and into this practi-

cally level pond sewer after sewer, both public

and private, are continually emptying. A large and important Georgetown sewer empties in at

some point near Dumbarton avenue, I think.
Another empties just below the Aqueduct
bridge. While engaged in this examination, on
the 8th of May, 1889, long before the summer

make a careful examinat

nce. The necessity is imperative and urgent. A PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONERS. Some idea of the popular feeling can be gained from a petition addressed to the District Commissioners which has been signed by many leading physicians of the city and many promi- and the arching could be done later.

nent citizens. This petition is as follows: The honorable the Commissioners of the Dis-A DUMP ENCROACHING ON THE CREEK contaminated and precautious in other particulars were neglected. But when the summer theolars were neglected. But when the summer of 1883 is upon to another of 1883 is upon to a of Washington's plague spot lies festering under sion to walk or drive over the P street bridge the scorching sun and beiching forth germs of has probably seen the open mouth of the large disease over the city, then Washington will sewer which empties into the creek just north sewage of a dozen or more large sewers, instead me in for a storm of abuse and scorn and of the bridge. This marks the beginning of of remaining a rapid stream to aid, by its nation such as it has never known even in its the open sewer. Then there is another great ural current and the tide, in hastening the

eventful history. There is no question but that sewer at O street, and on the opposite side one if the people of Washington or the representative citizens could be induced to take a waik along the banks of Rock creek from the P street bridge down to the dam, which chokes up its outlet into the Potomac river, there

M STREET SEWER.

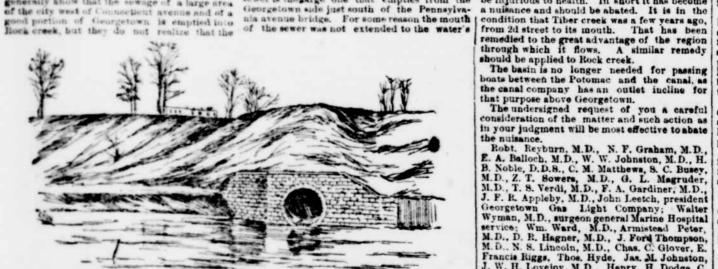
dumps, which extend nearly to the edge of the stream. Here are deposited heeps of the refuse from the city, the ashes from the furnaces, introbes and stoves and the sweepings and the odds and ends of a great city. Bead cats find a last resting place here. Farther along are other large public sewers, and where, on account of the underbrush, their mouths are concealed, the steady flow and fall of the sewage indicates nainly ent proportions. Of course people

ome in for a storm of abuse and scorn and of the bridge. This marks the

aroused that all opposition, whether grounded

in self-interest or merely indifference, would be

swept away and steps would be at once taken to ove the condition of affairs.



P STREET SEWER AND DUMP

volume of this sewage has increased, owing to the rapid growth of the population. Nor do edge, and the result is that the little along to the they know that the mouth of Rock creek has pour out on the ground and trickle along to the they know that the mouth of Rock creek has pour out on the ground and trickle along to the they know that the house location that sever, and no been shut up by a dam built there for the con-venience of the canal company. Instead, no difficulty about locating that sewer, and no therefore, of this vast amount of sewage one who sees it in its present condition will being poured into a live stream and hurried along on a rapid current away from the aboles of men to be swept ont into the river, it is dumped into a body of water that has about as much movement as a live. that has about as much movement as a dick pond on a suitry day in August. There is no current to speak of along the entire length of that portion of Rock creek which is used as a the attention because of the advanced and The water is simply backed up behind the dam, and it is only after a rain that more than a slight stream or two finds its feeble way

stion that is of vital importance is The question that is of vital importance is what becomes of the sewage matter that is constantly pouring into flock creek from the large number of sewers, both great and small, that have their only outlet into this body of water. It cannot be carried down the creek, for there is practically no current. It therefore must find its way to the bottom, where the accumulation of years of the product of the cliv's latin of years of the product of the cliv's latin of years of the product of the cliv's latin of years of the product of the cliv's latin of years of the product of the cliv's latin of years of the product of the cliv's latin of years of the product of the cliv's latin of years of the product of the cliv's latin of years of the product of the cliv's latin probability, to abolish it. Rock creek does not improve in appearance as you get near to its ancient outlet, but there are not so many sewers emptying into ft. Still, there are crough. The mouth of the creek no are not so many sewers emptying into ft. Still, there are crough. The mouth of the creek no are not so many sewers emptying into ft. Still, there are crough. The mouth of the creek no are not so many sewers emptying into ft. Still, there are crough. The mouth of the creek no are not so many sewers emptying into ft. Still, there are crough. The mouth of the creek no are not so many sewers emptying into ft. Still, there are crough. The mouth of the creek no are not so many sewers emptying into ft. Still, there are crough. The mouth of the creek no are not so many sewers emptying into ft. Still, there are crough. The mouth of the creek no are not so many sewers emptying into ft. Still, there are crough. The mouth of the creek no are not so many sewers emptying into ft. Still, there are crough. The mouth of the creek no are not so many sewers emptying into ft. Still, there are crough. The mouth of the creek no are not so many sewers emptying into ft. Still, there are crough. ome of it is probably carried on for a short distance from the mouths of the sewers and finds lodgment along the banks. The latter

progressive ideas shown in its construction. It is square and made of boards. It is no doubt a type of the revolutionary sewer, if there was anything of the sort known in that period of Georgetown's existence, and it will take a revolution, in all probability, to abolish

A CITIL PAGINTER'S SIEWS The present condition of Rock creek, as the result of this dam, is clearly set forth in a letter aching upon the stream as which Mr. Henry B. Looker, a well-known civil

sower is the large one that empties from the be injurious to health. In short it has become Georgetown side just south of the Pennsylva-

in your judgment will be most effective to abate the nuisance.

Robt. Reyburn, M.D., N. F. Graham, M.D., E. A. Balloch, M.D., W. W. Johnston, M.D., H. B. Noble, D.D.S., C. M. Matthews, S. C. Busey, M.D., Z. T. Sowers, M.D., G. L. Magruder, M.D., T. S. Verdi, M.D., F. A. Gardiner, M.D., J. F. R. Appleby, M.D., John Leetch, president Georgetown Gas Light Company; Walter Wyman, M.D., surgeon general Marine Hospital service; Wm. Ward, M.D., Armistead Peter, M.D., D. R. Hagner, M.D., J. Ford Thompson, M.D., D. R. Hagner, M.D., Chas. C. Glover, E. These Hyde. Jas. M. Johnston.

M.D., Henderson Suter, M.D., J. H. Yarnall, J. D. Cathell, Wm. King, C. W. Birdsall, M.D. VARIOUS REMEDIES PROPOSED. this evil is recommended by the petitioners. There have, bowever, been a number sug-



action be taken at once propose that high retaining walls be built on each side of the creek and extending the streets over the wall by means of hydres, with the expectation wall by means of bridges, with the expectation some day of arching over the top and forever disposing of Bock creek within the city limits.

sewers, and where, on account of the under-brush, their mouths are concealed, the steady flow and fall of the sewage indicates plainly their location. Perhaps the worst excuse for a sewer is the large one that empties from the George large and must of necessity be injurious to health. In short it has become

that purpose above Georgetown.

The undersigned request of you a careful consideration of the matter and such action as in your judgment will be most effective to abate the nuisance.

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them.

A number of shooting matches for turkeys are to be held in this vicinity between now and the end of the holidays, and several well-known shots from Washington expect to take

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It will be noticed that no plan of remedying eck and making it a sewer in name as well as

SEWER SOUTH OF PENNSTLVANIA AVENUE.

the creek. The estimated cost of this work was only about \$600,000. reply-paid postal card seen by the writer.

The form of this card was very simple, more so than any of those forms found in the patent both domestic and foreign.

once. A great trough closed at its lower end, and containing the filth emanating from the refuse of about one-fifth of the most populous weather comes again. In the event that is a mile long and as wide as the breezes can carry it.

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A TRIP ALONG THE CREEK.

A STAR reporter went over the entire route the other day, and the artist of The STAR went the other day, and the artist of The STAR went the other day, and the artist of The STAR went the other day, and the artist of The STAR went the other day, and the artist of The STAR went the other day, and the artist of The STAR went the other day, and the artist of The STAR went the other day, and the artist of The STAR went the other day, and the artist of The STAR went the other day, and the artist of The STAR went the other day, and the artist of The STAR went the other day, and the artist of The STAR went the other day, and the artist of The STAR went the other day, and the artist of The STAR went the other day and the artist of The STAR went the other day and the artist of The STAR went the other day and the artist of The STAR went the other day and the artist of The STAR went the other day and the artist of The STAR went the other day are day and the artist of The STAR went the other day are day and the artist of The STAR went the other day are day and the artist of The STAR went the other day are day and the artist of The STAR went the other day are day and the artist of The STAR went the other day are day and the artist of The STAR went the other day are day are day and the artist of The STAR went the other day are The physicians have all stated the danger from this festering mass-this night soil pit. How much more reason for action is there when we consider that the Asiatic cholera is likely to begin its scourge next summer? Now, that Rock creek should be arched all agree, the only question left being can this be done or practically completed before the cholera

comes? Now, after appropriations are made it might take some six months to a year before the work could be finished. Will you, Mr Editor, through your valuable paper suggest the best means to put this ques-tion before Congress, whether by petition, mass meeting or both? In this connection let me ecali to your recollection how admirably our citizens responded in the matter of a call, made mass meeting I remember, to establish Gar-

We have thousands here interested in this the emanations from this pest trough.

If it could be gotten between walls before hot weather, even should cholera appear, disinfecting and flushing could then be accomplished

field Hospital.

Christmas on a much more elaborate scale than ever before attempted by it. The music will be of the highest order and the leading talent of the state has been secured for its rendition.

mas this year in the usual manner and the program includes the entertainment under the aus-pices of the Sunday school and the treat to the

A row of eight brick buildings will be erected A row of eight brick buildings will be erected shortly on Washington avenue near Main street for business purposes. The builders are said to be well-known Washington business men.

Two years ago when a national bank was established here by the leading business men of the town there were planty of people who were loud in their predictions that the business of the place was not sufficient to support it, but sociation, explained that signed the last report of its condition was pub.

since the last report of its condition was publarge business done.
A comparison of the growth of Laurel this year has been made with that of the past ten years, and it is claimed that the value of the roprovements has been greater in the present

han in the past three years.

Tomorrow will be temperance Sunday at Cenenary M. E. Church. The pastor, Rev. R. R.

the old man who was killed by a fall of dirt in the iron mines near here a few days ago, are in need of help from charitable citizens. Collins was an excellent soldier during the late war, and

of his death.
Col. J. H. Sothoron is the guest of his daugh-

ter, Mrs. Barnes Compton, and will remain here till after Christmas, on which day he will celebrate his eighty-sixth birthday. Notwith-standing his great age the colonel is still very active, and his health is much better than it has been for several months past.

Dr. and Mrs. Evans of Washington have recelebrate his eighty-sixth birthday.

Church.

Quite liberal contributions are being made to the fund being raised to give a suitable Christmass gift to each of the children attending the night school. This school is largely attended, but only by those children whose circumstances compet them to labor during the day. A Clergyman Charged With Murder. lington, Ohio, charged with the murder of Eliza Arnold, his wife, by stabbing her in the throat

Sandy Spring returned home Thursday from a successful hunting trip to Virginia. They report killing four deer, a number of ducks and divisions of the corps and all arms of the service were well represented. It was unaimously resolved that the association of the District of Columbia, and its objects should be named the Second Army Corps and all arms of the District of Columbia, and its objects should be named the Second Army Corps and all arms of the District of Columbia, and its objects should be named the Second Army Corps and the end of the holidays, and several well-represented. It was unaimously resolved that the association of the District of Columbia, and its objects should be the gathering, preservation and all arms of the District of Columbia, and its objects should be the gathering, preservation of the should be the gathering, preservation of the sappy as I will be.

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division. J. F. O'Niel, one hundred and sixteenth Pennsylvania infantry; vice president, representing second division, A. H. Nickerson, eighth Ohio infantry; vice president, representing third division, Geo. A. Armes, second New York H. A.; secretary, Chas. E. Troutman, twelfth New Jersey infantry; treasurer, Frank C. Jones, sixty-fourth New York infantry. Executive committee—M. E. Urell, eighty-second New York infantry; John Finn, eighth Ohio infantry; W. P. Seville, first Delaware infantry; James B. Coit, fourteenth Connecticut infantry. After appointing a committee on by-laws and design for a badge the harmonious and enthusiastic meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

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Late South American Advices.

A special to the New York Herald from Vallaws and government of the paraiso says: "News reaches her from Rio Santa-Claus. He is such a dear old santa.

Mama says I will take up all your paper but I wont will I. Good by dear Evrniko Stat.

Nama says I will take up all y

Use Horsford's Acid Phosphate.
Dr. W. Graeves, Northfield, Mina., says: "
sed it in cases of nervous prestration, and
mbination with other remedies in indiges
mountain a satisfactory as could be approximated as satisfactory as could be approximated.

and will be shot.

"Everything is now quiet. The radicals of Cordoba, Argentina, protest against the appointment of Julio Astrada as governor and threaten a revolution. Ex-President Felligrini has assumed the chieftainship of the Argentine national party."

dear old Santa Clause.

Dear Santa Clause I am a little colored girl I am twelve years old. I want to become a member of the Santa Clause club I make my own living and I nurse. I would like to help the poor people. I send ten cents to the poor national party."

Mrs. A. L. Barber. The following were announced as representative members of the
board: Prof. B. T. Janney, W. H. Gunnison,
Rev. W. E. Parson, Dr. H. H. Darling, Rev.
Rush R. Shippen, Rev. S. M. Newman, Rev.
Charles H. Small, Dr. J. T. Sothoron, Prof. J.
W. Chickering, B. P. Davis, C. B. Smith, Rev.
S. Domer, Rev. John Chester, A. M. Gangewer,
A. P. Clark, Rev. C. B. Ramsdell, Rev. George
G. Little, Rev. George P. Corey, J. R. Brown. In Memory of Prof. Fristoe.

A service in memorism of the late Prof. Edward T. Fristoe, LL.D., a member of the faculty of Columbian University, was held yesterday afternoon in the lecture hall of the university. President Welling presided, and after prayer by Rev. Dr. Shute addresses were made by Prof. Huntington, who spoke on behalf of the faculty, and Prof. Prentiss for the medical department. Addresses were also made by W. B. King of the alumni and Rev. Dr. Stakely of the First Baptist Church. All bore appreciative and hearty testimony to the affection and regard entertained by all who came in contact with him, whether in the faculty, in the school room, in church or in social circles for brainy, genial and popular Prof. Fristoe.

Cubans Enthustastic Over Base Rall.

The All-American baseball team, now in Cuba under the management of John F. Kelly of Mobile, has played five game with the Cubans and won four, having been defeated in the first game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the last circles in game only. A letter announced that the las

Bishop Spalding Selected.

Bishop Spalding of Peoria is the nominee for coadjutor to Archbishop Kenrick of St. Louis.

The bishop of Peoria is fifty-two years old. In an interview Bishop Spalding denounced the idea of a papal delegate in this country, saying it was un-American, and, whether approved by Rome or not, he believed in home rule. He is opposed to the Faribault system, saying it is impracticable.

The vote in Wyoung was: Envised in Province of the Parishault system, saying it is impracticable.

your club and help the poor. please send me a badge which I will proudly were. I think it was very nice of you to get up a club like this one and it will help the poor children very much. I wish you all a merry Xmes and a happy New Year. THE BOLIDAY TRADE. Points for Shoppers Who Have Presents t

The electropoise is one of the great inven-

so much better at the ball when I think I have helped to give some poor little girl a Christmas gift. I love Santa Claus, because he is so kind to me, and I can't bear to think of any little Company, 1405 New York avenue, sell these ingirl going without a present. I will be prond struments on installments and rent them on easy terms. A female assistant may be con-suited at all times by the ladies. Descriptive to wear a badge. Send me one.

Dear Santa Claus: My papa say he is sure suited at all times by the that I will have a happy Christmas if I will circulars will be sent free. An article in great demand just now is whisky, and of course the very best brands are desired.

The average woman does not appreciate the

cents. I want to scatter roses along the path of life I want to labor ever for the cause of right so when I am called by God to leave my house of clay I have nothing to regret by giving this today to make some little girl happy on

prices which will be great promoters of trade.
Those in search of furniture, draperies, lace curtains, &c., would do well to call and examine this stock and the prices annexed. The stock is to be reduced, as the room is needed. Reports Made and Officers Elected at the The eleventh annual meeting of the Asso ciafed Charities was held last evening at the

cember 16, 1892, shows that the number of and his Berkeley whisky favorably known t calls upon the central office were 4,617, of whom | the public. 3,654 were white and 963 colored; 1,498 were This is the time of the year when the children applications for alms and 1,854 were applica-tions for work; 1,235 were visitors to make re-ports of cases coming to their notice or to re-the "wonders" to be found at J. Jay Gould's,

hair is S. Heller. 720 7th street. He also does shampooing and cures dandruff.

An artistic lamp is apt to be appreciated even

son, 22.23; Clevelard, 9.06), Wester, 26.512; Bidweil, 6. The official vote of Montana was: Harrison, 18,835; Cleveland, 17,534; Wester, 7,250; Bid-